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Student Government runoff results announced

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Provost Bleicken tops list in AASU presidential search

By Ben Carroll
Staff writer

Armstrong Atlantic State University, located in Savannah, Ga, is searching for a new president and one of the candidates is Georgia Southern's Linda Bleicken.

"I am honored to be selected as a finalist for the position of president of Armstrong Atlantic State University. Armstrong is an outstanding institution with a very bright future," said Bleicken in a written statement to the press.

According to the Armstrong Atlantic State University Presidential Search Committee homepage, the university's current president, Thomas Z. Jones, will retire at the end of the school year after his nine-year tenure at the university.

Armstrong Atlantic State University was founded in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College.

In 1959, the college gained a two-year unit through the University System Georgia, but gained four-year status in 1964 as Armstrong State College. It was given state university status under the University System of Georgia in 1996, according to the university's web site.

According to the committee web site, the search committee is a variety of faculty, students, and alumni from various departments and positions.

Bleicken is the Provost out of the Academic Affairs, Vice President, and Provost Department.

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VOTE

Runoff elections to be held Monday, April 6th @ 12:01 AM through Thursday, April 9th @ 12:01

**Login to your WINGS account to vote
for your SGA representatives!**



Special photo

Samantha Young and James Kicklighter battled for President of this years election.

SGA runoff elections come to an end

By Tiffany Colston

Guest writer

SGA held a runoff election on Monday, April 6 at 12:01 a.m. and it closed Apr. 9 at 12:01 a.m.

Yasmin Enmon ran on the Young Ticket and gained the most votes for the executive vice president with 501 votes, but she didn't receive a 50 percent margin of victory.

Dustin Thompson didn't run on a ticket and gained 391 votes. Thompson and Enmon were both a part of the runoff election.

A runoff was also held between candidates Tia Jones-Lawrence and Aaron Wilson on Kicklighter's ticket. They competed for the position of Vice President of Finance.

Eaton defeated Thompson for the executive vice president position and Tia Jones-Lawrence defeated Wilson for the position.

According to Ryan Boss, senator for the College of Information Technology many of the candidates received the votes they desired because they used Facebook as an avenue to reach people.

Senators for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences will be Sarah Beth Sullivan, Noelle

Singleton, Byron Miller, Kathryn Grantham and Whitney Geeslin.

Senators for the College of Science and Technology will be Paul Tenzel, Kristen Lanier, Mark Mobley, Anna Schwanbeck and Dominique Quarles.

Senators for the College of Business Administration will be Anna Morrison, LaMont 'Monty' Kelly, Sean Taylor, Ben Childs and Tavia B. Thurmond.

Senators for the College of Information Technology will be Justin Knight, Ryan Boss, Deundra 'Dee' Nelson, Malcolm Howard and Dennis James Luong.

Senators for the College of Education will be Alexis Welch, Katherine Hilson, Haley Dean, Sarah Massee and Carter Johnson.

Senators at Large will be Kate Coffey, Allyson Lumpkin, Ashley Denise London, Ryan Keese and Michael Fowler.

Brittany Robinson, a junior at GSU, is satisfied with the results of the election and feels that the candidates are well qualified.

More information, as it becomes available, regarding runoffs and additional voting periods can be found at www.gadaily.com

POLICE BEAT

Thursday, April 09, 2009

Officers issued 10 traffic warnings, 33 traffic citations and assisted two motorists.

A Southern Pines resident reported his bicycle was missing from the bike rack.

An Eagle Village resident reported that the right front door mirror of his vehicle had been broken off.

A Southern Pines resident reported his bicycle was missing from the Biology Building.

Alexander Tabor Martin, 21, Cambridge Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with nine counts of criminal trespass.

Christina Leann Steptoe, 22, 130 Circle Drive, Dublin, Ga., was charged with eight counts of deposit account fraud.

Friday, April 10, 2009

Officers issued three traffic citations, seven traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, four traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and responded to one alarm.

A bicycle was taken from Eagle Village.

Sunday, April 12, 2009

Officers investigated two accidents.

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My 2009 Easter candy communion



James Kicklighter is a junior public relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne.

The first thing that I do after Easter is hit up every Pharmacy for candy.

That's right, I said pharmacy, not store. Because in visiting Wal-Mart on Easter Sunday, every last one of the Reese's Easter Egg cups were gone.

This is a very bad thing, because I had to ensure that my good friend Paul Tenzel didn't have a larger supply of Reese's cups.

Over the weekend, he had already hidden bags throughout his room, so that when his Reese's jar ran out, there were plenty to restock.

After finishing my eight o'clock meeting, the first thing I did was grab my car and go to Walgreens.

Unfortunately, they were out. But, as I was told as a young child, if at first you don't succeed, try again.

Across the street at Rite Aid, I was scoping out the hidden bags underneath the Easter baskets and plastic grass.

To the side, there was a Soccer Mom eyeing

the same area. Because they scare me, I grabbed all of the eight remaining bags Reese's Eggs and checked out happily.

On the way home, I thought of all the ordinary moments in the next few weeks that I would be enjoying these delicious five seconds of chocolaty-peanut buttery goodness.

Then, I started thinking about a family I've connected with on Twitter (@soultravelers for my fellow Twitterers).

They are vagabonding across the world, where they have sold all of their earthly possessions to understand people further. Their Easter experience was watching a religious procession in Europe.

My family is a Protestant, regular church-going type and we spent Easter Sunday in church.

So, I just celebrated the resurrection of our Lord by gouging myself with sweets.

How many of the faithful give up something for Lent, simply to jump back into it immediately after? We Americans don't sacrifice very well, nor do we live very simply.

This might be changing in our economic climate, but one has to wonder, in a society where Easter treats are rampant in bad times, why aren't we celebrating traditionally like our European brethren?



Cartoon by Ashley Turner

I'm proud to be one that procrastinates



Shannon Knepp is a broadcasting student from Albany, GA. She is the news editor for the George-Anne.

Last week, I found myself going through my usual routine. Wake up, rush to class, grab food, rush to work, get off, do homework.

The next morning, I would wake up and do it all over again. As the realization that this is my life set in, I had only one thing to say to myself: When did I get to be this boring?

Disclaimer: My job is not boring. My classes are not boring. My friends are not boring. My monotony was excruciatingly boring.

Deciding to snap myself out of my self-induced coma, I decided to take advantage of a lesser workload week. This decision could only be described as brilliant.

For once sense the beginning of the school year, I took the time to watch a movie in the middle of the week. Yes, world, I said it. I procrastinated and I don't care who knows!

Shockingly, I felt surprisingly relaxed and guiltless.

This guiltlessness resulted in the eventual decision to do work (which was then resulted in my bed obviously being a better choice).

Now the truth here is that I did have work. In fact, I had a paper due two days later. A paper worth 15 percent of my grade to be precise.

What I am about to say may shock you. I finished the heavily weighed paper, and finished it without stress. After such a victory, I realized that I had the secret to life figured out! Procrastination can be glorious! The time crunch gave me an adrenaline rush never felt before by me!

However, newbies beware! Not everyone has the talent to procrastinate well. This tool that I have shared with you should only be used at designated times. This is not, I repeat, not something to use for finals, large research papers, or things that make you uneasy.

So fellow talented procrastinators, enjoy your stress free-night! Good luck on that paper you will do tomorrow one hour before it's due! And soon to be procrastinators, practice with caution. Procrastination is a talent to be used carefully.

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Annual "Wine, Moonlight, and Magnolias" to be held at the Botanical Garden

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff writer

The eleventh annual fundraising event for the Georgia Southern Botanical Garden will be held this Thursday at the garden, located on Bland Avenue.

"Wine, Moonlight, and Magnolias" will have a large assortment of wines for tasting and a silent auction to raise money for future plans for the restoration of Bland Cottage, as well as the Botanical Garden's Heritage Initiative.

"The Garden is grateful for the support from the community for this event. Proceeds will help us add new gardens, renovate Bland Cottage, and care for this special place that is important to the community, GSU and the future," said Carolyn Altman, director of the Botanical Garden.

There will also be a raffle for an all-inclusive trip to New York City. Tickets are currently available for the event for \$50 each, and tickets for the New York raffle are \$20 each. However, there are

only one-thousand raffle tickets available, and according to Bob Randolph, assistant director for the Botanical Garden, they're going fast.

"There are only one-thousand tickets printed, and for that \$20 for a raffle ticket you can win a trip for two to New York City," said Randolph.

He went on to add that the winners of the raffle will get to stay in a five-star hotel on Times Square, will have an opportunity to go on a behind the scenes tour of the city, and will receive \$1,000 in spending money for the city.

While this fundraiser has generous support from local businesses, the event sprang from modest beginnings.

"There is a garden club called the Camellia Garden Club, and they wanted to do something to help the garden, and they decided a fundraiser would be the most effective way to help," Randolph said.

"They settled on a wine tasting, and when it began it started really small the first year, and since then it's grown every year," said Randolph.

The silent auction boasts some impressive prizes, including luxury vacations to the mountains, vacations on Amelia Island, and several different kinds of parties.

"There are gourmet dinners, wine-tasting parties, and several restaurants in town are offering multiple-course, multiple-wine dinners.

We're also doing a couple of cooking lessons with local chefs," said Randolph.

He went on to add that Coconut's and Christopher's were two of the restaurants hosting the multi-course meals.

There will be both a silent and live auction at the event. Participants will be able to bid on the gourmet meals at the live auction, while all other prizes can be bid on through the silent auction.

Other prizes include hunting and sporting trips, a Down Home Oyster Roast, and Cocktails with the Coach.

Altman expects attendance to be between 450 and 500 people, and tickets are currently available for \$50 each.



Special photo

"Wine, Moonlight, and Magnolias" will be held Thursday, April 16. Tickets are \$50 each.

Tips to driving safely on the road during dangerous driving conditions

By Abbey Lennon
Guest writer

"Arrive Alive" is a popular term adopted by many driving schools and programs generally in relation to drinking and driving and other bad habits on the road, but "Arrive Alive" is something to remember while driving during bad weather.

Chief of University Police, Ken Brown, explains that speed is the number one area of concern when driving in inclement weather.

"Speed is your main adversary. Slow down. Concentrate on your driving" he said.

Also, remembering to wear a seat belt at all times when in a vehicle.

According to The Governor's office of Highway Safety, "over 10,000 lives are saved every year by safety belts in the United States."

In addition to these very important rules of a more general nature, Chief Brown suggests being prepared at all times, in the event of bad weather happens suddenly. Brown describes a simple kit that can be assembled by anyone to their own particular needs including, blankets, a poncho, or a first aid kit. Of these, Brown points to three essentials: a flashlight, fix-a-flat, and

jumper cables.

In the event of a thunderstorm, Brown insists drivers should "wait it out."

"If it's a thunderstorm in South Georgia, it's usually going to pass relatively quickly, so if it gets too bad, just pull over, turn your emergency flashers on, and just wait it out. 30 minutes is not worth your life," he said.

In the unlikely event drivers are on the road during a tornado, they should immediately find an overpass and exit the vehicle into a ditch or low-lying area, said Brown.

"The best thing to do is, don't be on the road in a situation where a tornado is present, but if you are, and sometimes you can't help it, it is very hard to outrun a tornado, and you don't know, and sometimes can't see where a tornado is heading," he said.

In the event of flash flooding, drivers are encouraged to stay away from any water coming across the street. This is an indication, said Brown, that the road may be impassable he said.

As a main point, Brown stresses to readers if there is water coming across the street don't try crossing it.

"You may think you can cross it," he said, "but

as low as a lot of cars are, it doesn't take much water to float them, and although you think your car won't float, it will float," he said.

If a vehicle gets swept up in a current it will eventually begin to sink which could end up fatal for the driver.

Lastly, when roadways are wet at all, the danger of hydroplaning is a concern. Hydroplaning happens when tires lose traction with the pavement, and when brakes are applied, generally lock up, and the driver loses control of the vehicle. Said Brown, a majority of people don't understand hydroplaning can happen with any amount of water present, even a small amount.

"If you do lose control of your car," he said, "don't panic. If you don't have Automatic Brake System (ABS), pump your brakes, and slow down gradually. When you have slowed enough, gradually, then get back on the road in a safe manner," said Brown.

In all situations involving a vehicle, drivers of every age should always remember to pay attention and slow down.

By keeping in mind these few safety tips this season, and all-year round, you too can "Arrive Alive," when behind the wheel.



Special photo

Drivers should be cautious in bad weather.

Georgia Southern University professor strives to make a difference with invention

By Abbey Lennon

Guest writer

Georgia Southern University Professor, Dr. Tom Kollars, director of Biodefense and Infectious diseases laboratory at Georgia Southern, will be traveling to Belize and Thailand in the coming weeks for his ProVector Malaria Prevention invention.

Mosquitoes carrying the disease malaria put 2.5 billion people at risk of being infected. Dengue fever infects three to five hundred million people a year.

These are commonly young children, who are the most at risk. According to Kollars, malaria is often a fatal disease in young children.

"There is between 1 and 3 million children die in Sub-Saharan Africa due to malaria, every year," he said. The ProVector has been designed as a solution to the loss of young lives.

Kollars has worked on the ProVector design for 11 years using mainly his own assets and the support of his family to slow the pace of contagious, infectious, diseases such as malaria and dengue Fever, responsible for the deaths of

thousands of people in third world countries.

The ProVector malaria prevention invention has been recently funded by grants given to Georgia Southern by Medical Infusion Technologies, a Savannah based company involved in Home health care, which allowed Kollars to travel to validate his invention.

"The ProVector is a plastic, flower-like device that attracts mosquitoes to feed on the central formulation pad, which is a bio-pesticide that is friendly to the environment and is really inexpensive," said Kollars.

The flower holds different combinations of colors which attract different species of mosquitoes; this way anywhere in the world, the ProVector can be tuned to match the native mosquito of the area, attracting more of the mosquito population, and killing more mosquitoes.

Kollars' biggest objective involves a more humanitarian approach, rather than scientific.

He has designed the flower in a way that is easy to make, and says that a goal is for the ProVector to cost between seven and ten dollars, with a \$1 refill pad, lasting up to three months.

Other than being cost-friendly, Kollars in-

tends to provide countries the ability to build their own manufacturing plants for production of this invention on their own, providing locals with jobs.

Not only is the ProVector for humans, and the environment, but Kollars has developed other formulations intended to kill the malaria inside the mosquito, while still allowing the insect to live, to sustain the natural food chain mosquitoes are a part of.

While *Bacillus thuringiensis*, also known as Bt, is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and is a common pesticide, the trick is in getting adult mosquitoes to eat the pesticide. This is what Kollars and his team was able to do for the first time in the world.

Kollars is excited about the success of the ProVector. The invention is so successful, he said, that the Walter Reed Army Institute of research conducted an independent study to validate the invention.

"That's a big deal to have the number one D.O.D [Department of Defense] lab validate our results," he said, "It's really great."

The Discovery Channel Canada, the As-

sociated Press, membership into the Natural European Medical Research Network, and an invitation to give a talk in Amsterdam in the fall, are all results of the ProVector's circulating success.

Kollars does emphasize family and the community by involving Statesboro in the success of the ProVector.

According to Kollars, First Baptist Church is taking a few free ProVectors with them on a mission trip to Guinea. After serving 19 years in the Army reserves, Kollars also sent several ProVector's overseas to troops in Afghanistan.

Several thanks from the good doctor go to Dr. Charles Hardy and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern, and Dr. Jim Oliver, director of the Institute of Anthropology and Parasitology at Georgia Southern.

"We're going to be able to help so many people, and that's the main thing, at a price that they can afford," said Kollars, "so many kids die around the world from malaria and dengue, so I wanted to just find a way that was inexpensive and friendly to the environment to save these children."

BLEICKEN

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She is one of six remaining candidates who were given the opportunity to have an hour-long on-campus interview which would be an open forum style setting.

Students were able to come and ask questions.

Bleicken's interview was scheduled on Monday April 6, according to the committee's website.

According to Bleicken's resume, she has a B.B.A in Marketing, a M.S in Management,

and a Ph.D in Management, all from Georgia Southern.

Bleicken's tenure at Georgia Southern reaches back 19 years when she started out as an Assistant Professor of Management in September of 1990.

Since then, she has served on many committees in leadership positions, such as the Coordinator of the American Council on Education/Office for Women in Higher Education from 2007-present and the Chair of the Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation.

Bleicken declined to comment beyond the press release.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Event: Reality Check Game Show
Location: Performing Arts Center

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Event: ASA - African Dance Class
Location: Russell Union 2042

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Event: Movie: Banished
Location: Russell Union Theatre

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Event: American Sign Language
Location: Russell Union 2071

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Event: Gavel Club Meeting
Location: Russell Union 2052

Time: 8 p.m.
Event: After Dark
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'Observe and Report' is a mixed-bag of dark humor

By Jonathan Pope
Staff writer



"Observe and Report" chronicles the exploits of mall head of security, Ronnie Barnhardt, as he attempts to thwart a flasher's "plans" to kill the lovely Brandi, a beauty counter employee. By doing so, he hopes to win her affection and a job as actual police officer.

Sounds simple enough, right? Well, it should have been kept that way.

Instead, several subplots are thrown in that, quite frankly, waste time and lead nowhere. It ends up feeling like a series of television show episodes that were crammed together into a 90-minute movie. This leads to an overall muddy plot and another of the issues I had with the film. It never manages to settle on what it wants to be.

Instead, the film insists on spoofing numerous genres, while still trying to come into its own. What we are left with is a movie that is way too busy for its own good.

This is a real shame, because I was quite looking forward to "Observe and Report." Seth Rogen (Ronnie) and Anna Faris (Brandi) are a comedic dream-team. The scenes that they are in together are some of the best.

Unfortunately, they are few and far between. Faris is criminally underused, and the film instead focuses on far less interesting (or funny) things.

On the other hand, Rogen, has seen much better days and material. Ronnie is one of the most dislikable main characters in recent memory.

He's an egotistical bigot, sexist, and racist. It's hard not to root for his "enemy," Detective Harrison (Ray Liotta), when he occasionally knocks Ronnie down a few pegs. But Ronnie is not the only character that's hard to like.

In fact, I honestly can think of only two characters that I genuinely cared about: Celia Weston as Ronnie's Mom and Collette Wolfe as "Nell," who also gives the most heartfelt performance of the film. Their scenes, along with Faris', are truly the best, and provide a glimpse at what this film could have been.

Unfortunately, "Observe and Report" is an incredibly mixed bag. When it works, it works really well, and when it doesn't, well, it really doesn't.

It is only sporadically funny and has a mean-streak that is pretty hard to swallow. The muddled storytelling doesn't help much either.

This is a film that is likely to split audiences down the middle. If mean-spirited comedies are your cup of tea, this should be right up your alley.

However, if you like a bit more substance, characters that are easy to connect with, and comedies that are funny throughout I'd suggest looking elsewhere.

The Facts

Opened: April 10, 2009

Runtime: 1 hour and 26 minutes

Director: Jody Hill

Cast: Seth Rogen, Ray Liotta, Michael Peña, Anna Faris

Rating: [R] for drug use, violence, pervasive language, sexual content and graphic nudity

Showtimes: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.



'Observe and Report' finds Ronnie Barnhardt, played by Seth Rogen, as a hateful and overly ambitious head of mall security with high hopes of winning the heart of Brandi, played by Anna Faris, by catching the flasher that is wreaking havoc on the mall parking lot.

Special Photo

By Ryan Babula
Staff writer



On the surface, "Observe and Report" is about a guy who has delusions of fame and works to achieve the love of the girl of his dreams. At its heart, though, the film is about a bi-polar egomaniac who takes his mall cop job far too seriously and embarrassingly strives for the love of a ditzy, hard-drinking, and party-loving cosmetics worker. Throw in there a healthy amount of hate-filled banter and shocking humor, and you have what turns out to be a mediocre attempt at comedy. Dark humor only works when there's a semblance of light to be found, and while there is some hope at the end of this tunnel, "Observe and Report" only works part of the time.

The film follows our titular hero as he investigates a series of flashings and robberies around the mall, all the while trying to find a role for himself in life and striving to become the hero society needs. What follows is a series of crude and harmful events that lead to a conclusion that will catch many off guard. Now, that's not to say that this isn't funny. I love some good dark humor. One of my favorite comedies is "Bad Santa," and I'm a huge fan of "East Bound and Down," an HBO series from the creators of this film.

I found myself laughing fairly consistently throughout, but I can't say that I felt really good about it. Many of the jokes in the film are racist, homophobic, or simply a string of obscenities laced together, but much of the comedy comes from the sheer audacity of what's happening on screen. You'll be cringing when our "hero," Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen) finally gets his date with Brandi (Anna Faris), and where the night ends up.

Those going into the theater expecting the jovial Rogen from "Knocked Up" and "Zack and Miri Make A Porno" will be shocked by his angry and sometimes violent character. Faris is really funny as the dimwit love of his life, and Ray Liotta is good as the cop sent to investigate the crimes. Other highlights include Danny McBride as a violent drug dealer, Michael Pena as Ronnie's right hand man, Aziz Ansari as a seedy lotion retailer, and Celia Weston as Ronnie's alcoholic mom. These performers are truly hilarious, but are underused unfortunately.

Director Jody Hill revels in making the audience squirm at the film's uncomfortable aspects, and many of the jokes work. The problem is that the humor eventually got repetitive, and while the film never gets boring, it gets a little old. Where it fails in laughs, it excels in pushing boundaries and being politically incorrect. It takes guts to make a mainstream film so uncompromising in its bad taste, but unfortunately it isn't wholly successful.

'Mad Money' host reflects on duel with Jon Stewart

By Dan McKeever
UWire

Jim Cramer's path to Ohio State included a controversial stop on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." The colorful host of CNBC's "Mad Money," who will tape his show at the Drake Union on April 22, said that he took the high road during the confrontation.

He says that Jon Stewart, the popular comedian who revolutionized "fake news," pulled a fast one on him during the March 12 interview on "The Daily Show." "It was a complete and utter ambush," Cramer said in an interview with The Lantern. "He told my staff that it was going to be fun, convivial, no clips, but [it] doesn't matter, he's a comedian, he can do whatever he wants."

During the interview, Stewart rolled clips from TheStreet.com, Cramer's financial Web site.

The clips showed Cramer, a former hedge fund manager, discussing the advantages of short selling, which allows the seller of a financial instrument to profit from a decline in the value of the instrument.

"Was it a fair fight? No, it wasn't even a fight. I came on with the idea of taking a high road approach and discussing the issues, obviously [Stewart] came on strictly to try to humiliate me," Cramer said. "It was brutal. Was he stand-up? Absolutely not. Did he comport himself as a gentleman? Hardly. It was a deposition; he wants to be a prosecutor."

Cramer was also critical of Stewart's conduct off-camera. "He had an animus toward me. At the conclusion of the interview, not on the mic, he

said, 'I picked the wrong guy, I'm sorry,' but that's not gonna get out there," Cramer said. "He just said it to me as just a throwaway. His goal was just to humiliate and destroy me and probably get me fired, and last I looked, I still have a show."

Cramer said that Stewart used selective editing to work toward that goal.

"I think that people who watch ['Mad Money'] know that the show that I do is very different from the show that the critics say it is," he said. "I think that Jon Stewart has never seen my show, ever."

Cramer said that while "you can pick any single clip to make people fib," Stewart could have also shown clips of some of Cramer's correct predictions.

"Those are the calls that I care about, but they're not gonna mention those calls - that would make me look good. It's nobody's interest to make me look good," he said.

The selective editing extended to the cutting room floor, Cramer said.

"It was a 20-minute interview, he picked the worst eight minutes to make me look as horrible as possible. It's his show, he can do whatever he wants. If he comes on my show, it'll be a fair discussion, but he's not gonna come on my show, because he's all about his [ratings] numbers," he said.

Cramer said that although the interview was "allegedly disastrous" for his own career, "my [ratings] have never been better."

"I've got more people watching me than ever before, and I handled myself like a gentleman, and I took the high road," Cramer said. "I only know that road."



Special Photo

Jim Cramer of 'Mad Money' fame recently had a very public battle with Comedy Central fake-news anchor Jon Stewart.

Cramer said that he was not given a fair chance in the interview, and was consequently "eviscerated."

He compared the experience to playing in a football game in which there were no referees and he was never allowed to have the ball.

"I left the field with tire tracks on my back, but [Ohio State has] a lot of good people who play sports, not just academics, and you understand that

when your team is going to suffer a beat-down that is unfair, you shake the guy's hand, you walk with your head high, and you leave," he said.

Cramer also questioned Stewart's credibility. "I am a highly controversial figure [on 'Mad Money']. I was not a controversial figure when it came to making money. And I can tell that guy, when he's made his first 100 million in the market, I will respect his judgment about the market."

Universities compete to be America's Greenest Campus

By Sarah Ryu
UWire

Universities across the nation are combating wastefulness and focusing on sustainability, but only one will be able to take home the title of America's Greenest Campus.

The America's Greenest Campus contest is the first national competition among colleges to reduce their communities' carbon footprints.

The winners will be identified by Oct. 5 by calculating the number of participants from each school and the largest percentage of carbon emissions reduced.

They will have a chance to earn up to \$20,000 in prize money.

Climate Culture, the organization behind the contest, is a group of recent graduates from Yale, Harvard and New York universities dedicated to

sustainability efforts. Its Web site provides a carbon-footprint calculator and reduction service while promoting a sense of community with others also passionate about environmental efforts.

Participants sign up using their school e-mail addresses and are encouraged to take personal actions or organize events and campaigns to reduce their carbon footprints.

On the contest leaderboard, George Mason University, with 894 members and a 2.66 percent reduction, is ranked number one.

At number seven, Harvard is the first Ivy League institution to appear on the list with 78 members and a 0.70 percent reduction.

It is closely followed by Yale at 10th place and Brown University at 16th.

The University of Pennsylvania sits at number 203, with one member and 0.61 percent carbon dioxide reduced.

Yet a number of people involved with Penn's sustainability efforts in the past few years say this ranking seems to contradict Penn's reputation as a "green" campus.

"[The contest] doesn't seem like a good measure," Jennifer Rizzi, spokeswoman for Facilities and Real Estate Services, said. She attributed the low ranking to a lack of awareness about the contest.

FRES Sustainability coordinator Dan Garofalo named four organizations that have assessed Penn's sustainability efforts - in particular, the Sustainability Endowments Institute's letter-grade system that gave Penn an A- last year.

The current project of Green Campus Partnership, the umbrella organization for all campus initiatives to help the environment, is the Climate Action Plan, an outline of sustainability recommendations in response to Penn President Amy Gutmann signing the Presidents Climate Com-

mitment in 2007. It began in spring 2007 and is slated to be finished next fall.

The Penn Environmental Group is also "a huge group on campus," co-director and College sophomore Jenna Stahl said. "Amy Gutmann has made [sustainability] a priority and pushed along the interest, both student-wide and in general."

Stahl named education, student outreach and Recyclemania as some of PEG's projects.

Though Stahl was also unaware of the contest, she encourages involvement, because sustainability "is not just about everyone, it's about you, too," she said.

Garofalo downplayed the idea of competitions, referencing conclusions made at a recent intercollegiate meeting.

"We're all making an effort to change the world," he said.

After Dark provides student body with entertainment with a message

By Sarah Goodwin
Assistant News Editor

After Dark is coming to Georgia Southern on Wednesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at the RAC Amphitheatre.

This is a free campus outreach event featuring speaker, Joe White, artist Dave Barnes, and rapper, Sho Baraka.

After Dark is a free event created by Kanakuk Kamps and has been touring college campuses nationwide for the past ten years.

"This is a night where people can come with friends and chill out and enjoy a good speaker," said Chase Richardson, the chairman for the event.

The speaker, Joe White, is the president of Kanakuk Kamps, and has spoken to professional and college football and baseball teams as well as college campuses around the country. In his presentation, White will be speaking about his life experiences and the life of Christ, according to Richardson.

Sho Baraka is a Christian rapper who will open the show and "will get the crowd pumped up for the night," said Richardson.

"It's just brothers and sisters hanging out and unifying the body of Christ on campus," said Anna

Casey, a student volunteer for the event.

According to After Dark's website, the goal of this event is to couple an incredible concert with an inspirational presentation in order to "convey this message in a way that will never be forgotten."

Most of the ministries around campus are involved with this event, including Chi Alpha, Wesley, and BCM.

"Our desire for After Dark is to unite our campus ministries for a common goal," said Preston Cox, an intern for the Wesley Foundation at GSU.

After Dark's slogan is: "One Night. One Campus. One Movement! The campus event of the year!" According to Cox, the campus ministries are working toward making this slogan a reality.

The leaders of the campus ministries have been meeting weekly to discuss and help publicize this event. According to Cox, coupled with several other ministries, the Wesley Foundation has geared their efforts and focus for the week, toward making this event a success.

This event has given the campus ministries a unifying goal. "Without this the event could not have been carried out with such success," said Cox. "This is a common passion to see Christ's Kingdom furthered here at Georgia Southern."



Musical act Dave Barnes (above) will perform at After Dark, a free campus outreach event. The show will begin tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the RAC Amphitheatre. For more information visit www.whatsafterdark.com.

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
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NATIONAL NEWS

Students struggling with tobacco tax increase

By Nick DeMoss

U-wire

A 62-cent a pack increase on cigarette taxes has some University of Arkansas students struggling to keep up with their addiction.

The 62-cent federal tax that began earlier this month is in addition to the 56-cent tax passed by Gov. Mike Beebe in mid-March, leaving Arkansans paying a \$1.15 tax on each pack of cigarettes they buy.

The federal government grants a 3-cent price break to business owners for tax implementation costs, but for some students, the financial burden is becoming too much - though they haven't quit smoking.

"It's just too much. I can't pay for it because I don't have a job," sophomore Mallory Scheurer said. "Right now, I'm just bumming, and it's bad."

Borrowing cigarettes from other students is an increasing phenomenon on campus, freshman Tory Cottingham said.

Cottingham spends about \$40 a month on cigarettes, smoking about a pack a week. Though he hasn't had trouble buying cigarettes, he has had to make compromises.

"I've had to move down to cheaper, grosser cigarettes," he said. "Even those cost \$4 or \$5 a

pack. They used to be \$2 or \$3."

For junior Sarah Gibbs, the tax increase this month has forced her to make some lifestyle changes.

"Let's just say I don't spend money on anything except cigarettes and Taco Bell," she said.

Gibbs smokes a pack a day and spends \$55 a week to keep up with her habit. Until the tax increase this month, Gibbs also had been supporting two other people's habits, but now she can only keep up with her own, she said.

Sales in Arkansas are expected to take a hit, state tax official Gary Williams said.

"It's going to be a few months before we can tell any kind of trend, but there's no doubt our sales are going down some," he said.

The Tobacco Shop on West Township Street in Fayetteville has already experienced some of the effects. Being a specialty store, the Tobacco Shop only carries tobacco, and customers roll their own cigarettes. To save money, the Shop has decreased its stock of cigarette tobacco.

"We decided (to do) that because the cost is just going up so phenomenally," Tobacco Shop employee Tony Farnam said.

"We've seen people going to pipe tobacco, but if people continue to buy cigarette tobacco, we'll continue to stock it," he said.



Special Photo

The 62 cent increase tax on cigarettes is hurting student smokers who are strapped for cash.

Hundreds potentially exposed to tuberculosis at NW

U-wire

A Northwestern University medical resident has potentially exposed hundreds of patients, including infants, to tuberculosis at three area hospitals.

The 26-year-old female pediatric doctor-in-training was recently admitted to Northwestern Memorial Hospital and has been discharged on treatment.

All of her immediate family members tested negative for the disease.

The pediatric resident worked at Northwestern Memorial, Children's Memorial and Evanston hospitals.

It is likely that the resident contracted the disease between annual health screenings that healthcare providers must pass before coming in contact with patients, said Kathleen Keenan, a spokesperson for Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

The name of the medical resident could not be released, Keenan said.

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection that commonly attacks the lungs but can spread to a number of other organs in the body.

The disease, which can be fatal if left untreated,

is rare in the United States but remains common in developing countries.

The strain of tuberculosis that infected the medical resident is not multi-drug resistant and can be effectively combatted with the most commonly used anti-tuberculosis drugs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This lessens the challenges if anyone did test positive (for tuberculosis)," Keenan said.

Patients who might have been in contact with the resident have been notified and are being offered free skin testing for the disease, Keenan said.

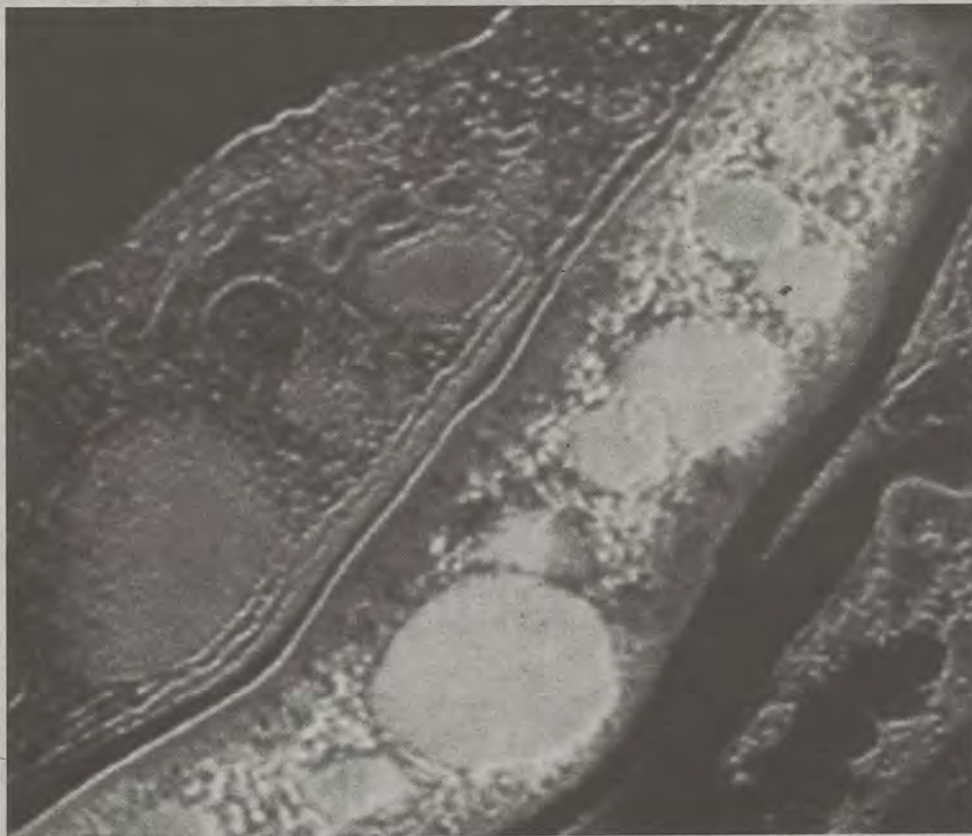
The medical resident worked at Children's Memorial between Nov. 20, 2008 and April 3, 2009, during which approximately 150 children and 300 employees were exposed.

So far, no one in the hospital has tested positive for the disease.

"We've only had negative testing of workers," Keenan said. "The risk of contracting (tuberculosis) is very, very slim."

Keenan said patients should feel safe at all three hospitals despite the recent scare.

"There is no risk of exposure (to tuberculosis) here or at any of the other institutions," she said.



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Hundreds of students were exposed to the tuberculosis virus at Northwestern University

NATIONAL NEWS

More than 20 arrested at New School rally

By Arielle Milkman

U-wire

Three New York University students could face university disciplinary charges following their involvement in Friday's New School occupation, which rocked Greenwich Village.

Gallatin senior Eleanor Kahn, CAS sophomore Farah Khimji and CAS junior Drew Phillips — all affiliated with the student activist group Take Back NYU — were arrested before noon on Friday for their participation in taking over a New School academic building on Fifth Avenue. Nineteen others were also arrested.

The students occupied the building and called for the resignation of New School President Bob Kerrey, a former Nebraska governor and senator, and Executive Vice President James Murtha.

This follows a similar protest in December. In the past, Kerrey, a supporter of the Iraq War, has faced a nearly unanimous "no confidence" vote by senior faculty.

According to New School officials, approximately 30 students broke into the building with crowbars around 5:45 a.m., overpowering a maintenance worker and stealing his two-way radio.

Police arrived at the scene minutes after being alerted of a burglary in the building only to find the door entrance blocked by bars and cables, among other items.

"They used Crazy Glue on all the locks," the university said in an e-mail statement sent to all New School students.

On behalf of Kerrey, the New York Police Department began efforts to remove students from the building around 11 a.m. A YouTube video released by the NYPD shows the arrests made inside the building were conducted in an orderly fashion.

However, mayhem broke loose on the streets surrounding the building. According to many bystanders, police officers used pepper spray and undue force to subdue the students.

"I saw students being beaten. I saw bloodshed. I saw a young girl crying. I saw pepper spray being sprayed at students," New School senior Jeremy Syrop said.

Originally, claims of pepper spray and tear gas use were said to be "absolutely untrue," according to the NYPD, but a video of the scene shot by freelance journalist Brandon Jourdan shows officers spraying pepper spray inside the occupied building.



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More than 20 students were arrested Friday for breaking into a New School academic building.

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NATIONAL NEWS



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There are many car dealers who are offering great deals to people buying a new car in this economy.

Bad economy benefits those who need a car

By Anthony Holloway

U Wire

Good deals and low prices are hanging around despite the possibility of unemployment, Kent State University economics instructor Henry Woudenberg Jr. said.

Woudenberg said prices for some goods like electronics and automobiles are lower, but people aren't making the purchases because of job insecurity.

"There is an estimated 5.5 million people unemployed," Woudenberg said.

He said he expects unemployment to keep rising because even after the economy begins to recover, companies don't hire back right away.

Unemployment is something car companies are addressing.

The Ford Advantage Plan guarantees if a person buys or leases a new Ford car and "involuntarily" loses his or her job, Ford will pay for up to 12 months of car payments. According to the Ford Web site, there are specifications, such as being involuntarily unemployed for at least 30 consecutive days to qualify for the plan.

Hyundai is offering a similar plan, which states Hyundai will pay up to three months of payments for people who lose their jobs.

The plan also allows people to take the car back if three months is not enough time.

Dave, 50, and Cindy Benson, 51, Aurora

residents, said the offers from automobile makers do make a difference.

Dave, who recently returned to work after being laid off, said he and Cindy would like to invest in another car but getting the money is another story.

"I'd like to try to," Dave said. "But at the same time, to do that, we'd have to get a loan, which isn't easy."

Woudenberg said some indicators of a strengthening economy include an increase of hours in the average work week, stock movement and the credit markets loosening up.

He said the tight credit market is a major hurdle for people and businesses during the recession.

"The banks (have) been reluctant to make loans," Woudenberg said. "And if you don't make loans, businesses can't spend and individuals can't spend."

But he said the banks are starting to loosen up and give more loans.

Bruce Caudill, the president of Kent Lincoln Mercury, said despite layoffs made in the past six months, he also sees an improvement in sales and the economy in general.

He said people are currently looking to buy used vehicles with a warranty, which is why he said he is "anxious for trade-ins."

"Deals are better now than ever," Caudill said about the prices of cars.

Five Duke students get funds for 'peace projects'

By Tony Wei

U Wire

Five Duke students received Davis Projects for Peace awards for two proposals selected in a competition for funding worth \$10,000 each.

Sophomores Rebecca Agostino, Joshua Greenberg, Erica Jain and Eddie Zhang were awarded for their project, "Confronting Malaria in Mbarara, Uganda," which will be anchored in a partnership with the Mayanja Memorial Hospital in Mbarara. Senior Jane Chong, a Chronicle columnist, received funding for her project, "Concretizing and Mobilizing the Wall-less Classroom in Abuja, Nigeria."

The Davis Projects for Peace is in its third year and is open to undergraduates across the nation.

The program solicits grassroots projects from students to be implemented this summer to "encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace," according to the Davis Projects for Peace

Web site.

"I was just really excited," Zhang said. "We'd been looking for funding to fund our summer project and this will be a really good way to start."

Agostino noted that the project had already been in development for 12 months, ever since Dr. Benon Mugerwa, director of Mayanja Memorial Hospital, visited Duke in March 2008 and shared his vision for the hospital.

"What we're trying to do is a combination of malaria education and prenatal care program, so it's targeting women in southwest Uganda of reproductive age," Zhang said.

The group aims to work in villages with their community partner and outreach program to distribute malaria nets in a region where almost half of the population is affected by the disease. Zhang said his team also plans to conduct malaria and prenatal education campaigns and collect data about the area's health indicators.

Ten Duke undergraduates will be visiting Mbarara this summer as a part of the project, including Zhang and Greenberg.



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Five students from Duke received a grant for 'peace projects'.

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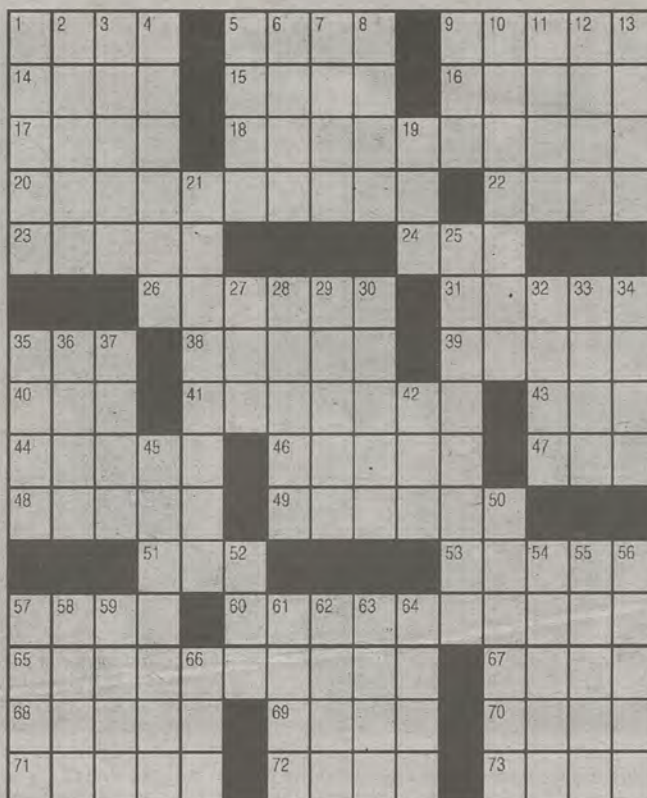
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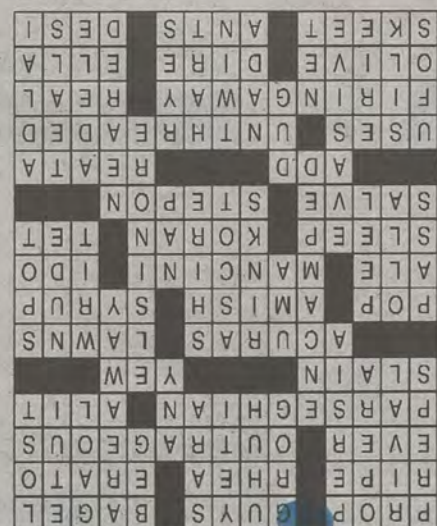
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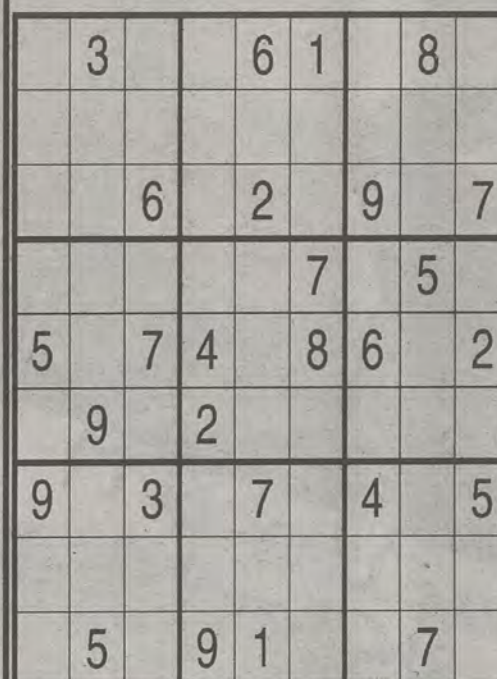
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GSU professor Willie Burden named to NC Hall of Fame

By Molly McNally

Staff writer

Georgia Southern University has a tremendous amount of achievements to be proud of, and now another to add to its list is having a faculty member, Willie Burden, inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Willie Burden is a current professor in the Sports Management department here at GSU, but long before he was teaching lectures Burden was scoring touchdown runs.

"This was never my goal," said Burden. "But it really is such a humbling experience and I'm proud to be apart of something special."

He played on a scholarship at North Carolina State from 1971 to 1973 where he received such honors as the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Player of the Year award for rushing 2,529 yards, a stat that puts Burden at 7th best in Wolfpack history.

Although being drafted by the Detroit Lions in 1974, Burden decided to play for the Canadian League, where he would ultimately make a name for himself. He dazzled Calgary Stampeder fans for eight seasons from 1974 to 1981 and retired with

a career best of 6,234 rushing yards, fourth best in Stampeder's history.

Other accomplishments for Burden while playing in Canada include being named the CFL's Most Outstanding Player and receiving All Canadian All Star honors in 1975. Ultimately the Stampeder retired his jersey number, no. 10, and he was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

Since then, Burden has kept busy with receiving his master's degree in Sports Administration from Ohio University and teaching and serving as assistant athletic director at various schools.

Currently Burden is in his 11th year of teaching Sports Management at Georgia Southern and resides here in Statesboro, with his sons playing football for local Statesboro High.

"I decided to teach at Georgia Southern because I needed a lifestyle change," said Burden. "I needed to get out of the industry and spend more time with my family and Georgia Southern had a position open that really interested me."

"It's just a tremendous honor. I hope my kids are properly impressed," said Burden.

The induction is to take place on May 14th in Raleigh, N.C. during the 46th annual banquet.

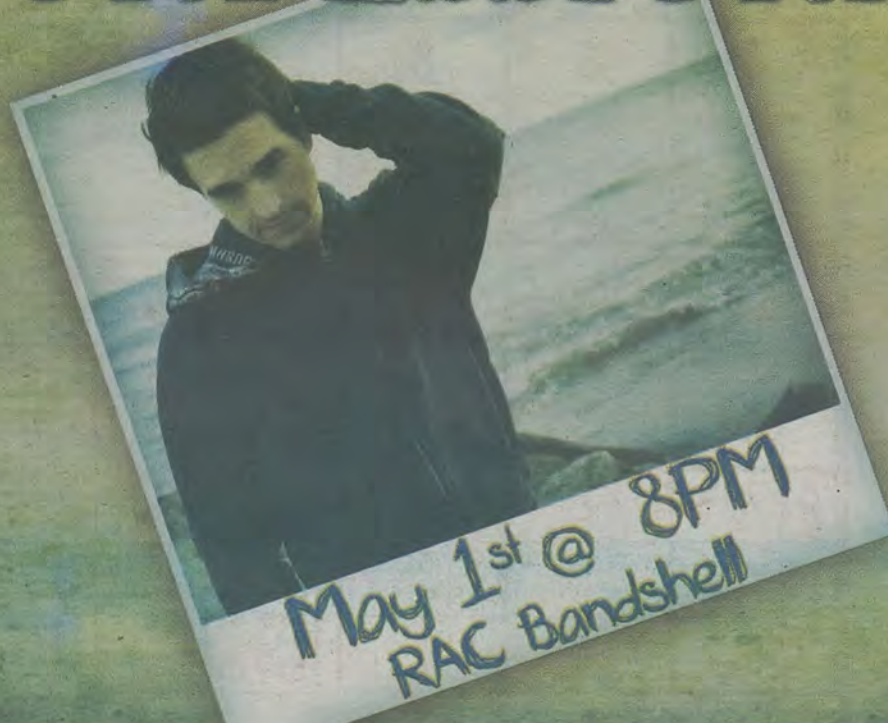


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Willie Burden will be inducted into the North Carolina Hall of Fame. He played for NC State as a collegiate athlete and later played for the Calgary Stampeder (Canadian League).

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The Eagle Softball Record-Setter: Robyne Siliga

By David Lee
Staff writer



STAFF
Senior Robyne Siliga already has seven home runs this season for GSU softball.

It is easily noticeable that softball teams are some of the most tightly knit teams in all sports. This is no different with the Georgia Southern Lady Eagles. Despite the individual honors that surround the players, they simply shrug off any reminders of these honors and remain a close group. However, when on the field, one player does stand out due to performance and the attention she receives: Robyne Siliga.

"Siliga's ability is an inspiration to her teammates, and they work harder to perform in support of her outstanding level of play," Coach Maggie Johnson said.

The hype that surrounds Siliga began at Vista High School in San Diego, where she won honors all four years she played. She led the team to a league championship her junior year and established herself as both a force on the field and a team leader. She was named Offensive and Defensive MVP of her team her senior year and garnered attention from colleges across the country, leading to signing with GSU.

Siliga's success continued at Statesboro, as she

earned Freshman of the Year honors in the Southern Conference. She led the team in numerous offensive categories and immediately became a player that the rest of the conference knew about. That kind of attention also led to inflated numbers in one statistic: walks. Siliga set a school record for walks in a single season that year.

After being redshirted in 2006, Siliga returned the next year and was named to the Southern Conference All-Tournament Team after hitting .316 in the tournament. She once again led the team in many offensive categories. But her junior year, she broke out and became a player known across the region.

Siliga's junior year will go down as one of the best in school history. She went from leading the team in most of the offensive numbers to leading the conference in those stats. She broke her own school record for walks in a season and became Georgia Southern's all-time home run leader. All of this led to first-team honors in the Southern Conference and being named SoCon Player of the Year.

"Her hitting is unbelievable," Johnson said. "She has the ability to put the ball out of the park at any time. She's the kind of athlete where when she's on, she's very hard to contain."

Teams have learned this the hard way through the past few years, and it is evident that they now know they can't beat her. This has resulted in her receiving the "Barry Bonds treatment," as she is constantly pitched around and walked. As of press time, for her senior season, Siliga has seven home runs and an unbelievable 31 walks to only ten strikeouts.

Due to her performance, Siliga does lead the Lady Eagles on the field and does warrant the attention she receives. The awards she has earned have brought with them a certain air of responsibility and expectation. But Siliga is quick to downplay any significance she brings to the field each day.

"There's a lot of responsibility that comes with [leading], but I don't feel any added pressure," Siliga said. "I don't really think about [expectations]. I just try to go out and play ball."

"Robyne has the type of personality and ability that the team naturally wants to follow her," Johnson said. "She tries to keep them all moving in the right direction."

In her senior year, Siliga is leading the team in all offensive categories with jaw-dropping numbers and is successfully living up to being named preseason SoCon Player of the Year.

Baseball falls one rank in national polls

By GSU News Service

Georgia Southern Baseball drops one spot in the national poll as the Eagles prepare to end a six-game road trip and begin a five-game stretch at J.I. Clements Stadium this week.

The Eagles (24-9 overall) slipped one spot to 27th in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll after going 3-2 last week, including a 23-3 win at no. 8 Georgia Tech and series win at Western Carolina.

On Tuesday, GSU wraps up the six-game stretch away from home with a 7 p.m. contest at North Florida (15-22). Sophomore Andy Moye will get the start, bringing a 3-0 record and 6.64 ERA. He has struck out 34 batters in 39.1 innings.

Jacksonville (23-10) has only one midweek game, traveling to J.I. Clements Stadium Wednesday night for a 6 p.m. start. Last month the Eagles made a late charge but suffered its second loss of the season in an 8-7 defeat in Jacksonville. Sophomore Michael Hester is slated to start. Hester owns a 2-0 record and 6.62 ERA, striking out 16 in 17.2 innings.

Three Eagles are currently riding a double-digit hit streak, led by senior Ty Wright's team- and career-high 16 games. Wright improved his overall batting average to .378 with 40 runs scored, 30 RBI and 10-of-11 in stolen bases. In Sunday's series

clinching win at Western he matched career-highs with five hits, four runs scored and two stolen bases.

Senior catcher Griffin Benedict continues to lead the team with his .415 batting average and ranks third in the SoCon. Senior Brian Pierce improved his streak to a career-high 10 games. He brings a .317 batting average into this week with 23 runs scored and 21 RBI. Kyle Kamppi leads the pitching staff with five saves, posting a 2-1 record and 3.47 ERA.

Georgia Southern enters the week posting a .316 team batting average, Southern Conference-leading .976 fielding percentage and 5.03 ERA.

North Florida (15-22) dropped 2-of-3 at Lipscomb last weekend, the victory a 1-0 win while being limited to just two hits. The Eagles held a 3-2 lead against UNF two weeks ago but the game was rained out and will be rescheduled. The Ospreys own a .292 team batting average, .949 fielding percentage and 5.41 ERA.

JU swept a three-game series at East Tennessee State last weekend, improving to 23-10 overall. The Dolphins own a .314 batting average, .940 fielding percentage and 5.57 team ERA. Jeremy Gillan leads the hitting attack at a .422 clip and Chuck Opachich is close behind at .404.

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"Championship people win championships"

Said Charlton Young, a GSU alum, who was officially introduced as the new men's basketball coach on Thursday



Top photo: GSU athletics
Bottom photo: Special photo



Above: Charlton Young (center), who was announced as the new men's basketball, stands with GSU President Bruce Grube (left) and Athletic Director Sam Baker (right).

Bottom: Young dribbles during his time as player at GSU during 1989-1993.

Young's Accolades as a Player at Georgia Southern

- In the top five for assists for a season in each of class category.
- Over 1,000 career points = 1517
- 1992: All TAAC Tournament Team MVP
- 1993: All SoCon Tournament Team
- Second in GSU career assists (570) after Dwayne Forman-surpassed him in 07-08.
- Fourth in career steals (162)
- Top in career three point percentage (409)
- 1992-1993: Scoring average leader
- Part of 1992 TAAC Championship team that went on to played in the NCAA tournament.
- Started 97 straight games over a three year period.

By Jessica Martin
Sports editor

The first thing that Charlton Young said at Thursday's press conference officially announcing him as the new men's basketball head coach was "Man, it's so good to be home."

Young is a product of GSU and the basketball program. He played for the Eagles from 1989-1993 before a career as an assistant coach led him to Thursday.

"When we met C.Y. [Young], it was obvious his passion for basketball and great love of Georgia Southern and Statesboro; and I am thrilled that he was willing to bring that passion and love back home to take over the head coach of Georgia Southern," said Sam Baker, GSU Athletic Director, in introduction.

His large smile and joking comments to many (directly to some) in the audience showed a personable and excited new coach. But Young's seriousness about his new position quickly became apparent.

"I've been in the [coaching] business for fifteen years now and the sole reason I decided to be in the coaching business was to be the head coach at the Georgia Southern University," he said, showing incredible emotion during the statement.

With his hiring, Young became the first African-American to lead the Eagles basketball program.

"To be quite honest with you, it blows me away. I am so proud to be that guy and I'm also proud of our university for taking that step," said Young. "But the flip side of it is, I'm more excited about being the best candidate more than anything else. I think as a country we have gotten past the point where that really matters, what color."

Baker later said that there were several legitimate candidates in the running for the position, but Young rose to the top and was GSU's top choice.

"I can assure you that there is not a better head coach in the country for the Georgia Southern than me," said Young.

Young is coming to GSU from Georgia Tech, where he spent the last four years as an assistant

to head coach Paul Hewitt. He also spent a year at UTC, helping them win the Southern Conference championship in 2005. Before that, he was an assistant at Northeastern and Auburn.

Young said he had not yet spoken to the players but that he was going to be meeting with them later that day. He talked about liking some potential of the current team, mentioning Tyler Troupe, Willie Powers and Antonio Hanson.

He had not spoken to any recruits or potential prospects yet either but the feeling of optimism for the future was evident.

"I think because I played here in the glory days that I know the potential of the place and I know Georgia Southern University is a gold mine," said Young. "I feel like if I could get a kid on campus I have a legitimate opportunity to sign him, no matter who's recruiting him."

He also said he had an assistant staff assembled but could discuss only one, Chris Kreider, who comes with Young from Georgia Tech. Kreider is listed on the GT web site as a men's basketball administrative coordinator.

Another common theme for Young was the desire to raise attendance at Hanner Fieldhouse, where the team plays on campus. He talked about appearing all over the campus and community to garner attention for his team back to attendance like he played, saying "4500 in Hanner Fieldhouse sounds like a tornado."

"I think that when people see the passion that our program's going to conduct itself with, I think they're going to come [to games]," said Young.

Young is coming into a turbulent time in the program. A few days after Young's predecessor, Jeff Price, announced his retirement, it was revealed that the program was under NCAA investigation. Baker said that they had a full discussion about the topic with Young and a plan for the future.

"I am very aware that there is an ongoing investigation. It would be inappropriate for me to comment on it right now, but I guarantee you nothing was going to deter me from taking my dream job," said Young.

During his time as a player, Young was a part of the 1992 Trans America Athletic Conference championship win at Hanner.